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The reply filed on June 12, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Review of applicant's response indicates that "Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-32 and 39-41, and Species I, all with traverse". While it is appreciated that applicant has elected the article of Group I, and identifies those claims associated with Group I, applicant has not indicated whether he considers claims 39-41 to read on species I. While applicant identifies claims 1-38 as generic to all species on page 3, the last paragraph, there is no indication as to whether applicant considers claims 39-41 to read on Species I, a device comprising a pair of clasps and a flexible cord connecting pair of clasps wherein the clasp consists of the shape shown in figure 1. The restriction is not being withdrawn at this time and to (a) answer the traverse of the restriction requirement, (b) determine which claims to search and (c) examine for the claims for definiteness under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, an unequivocal statement is required indicating whether claims 39-41 read on Species I, a device comprising a pair of clasps and a flexible cord connecting pair of clasps wherein the clasp consists of the shape shown in figure 1. Review of the claims shows claim 21 is generic and the restriction is amended to so indicate. Claims 1-20 and 22-32 are still not seen as generic to all species as applicant indicates in his response on page 3, the last paragraph. To satisfy this Notice, applicant is required to identify whether claims 39-41 read on elected Species I. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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